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Communications concerning the status of women

Argentina and Netherlands: draft resolution

The Commission on the Status of Women recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the mandate of the Commission on the Status of Women as set out in its resolutions 76 (V) of 5 August 1947, 340 I (XI) of 14 and 17 July 1950, 1983/27 of 26 May 1983, 1992/19 of 30 June 1992, 1993/11 of 27 July 1993 and 2002/235 of 24 July 2002,

Bearing in mind the reports of the Secretary-General assessing the implications of the reforms of mechanisms in the human rights area (1503 procedure) for communications concerning the status of women,[1]

Taking into account the consideration by the Commission at its forty-seventh session of the report of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women and the discussion on communications concerning the status of women,

1. *Decides* that the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-eighth session will consider the future work of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, for this purpose, to prepare a report on the various existing communications mechanisms and procedures within the United Nations system; the report should include:

(a) An analysis of the number, type, subject matter and sources of communications received by the bodies concerned in the past five years insofar as

[1] E/CN.6/2001/12 and E/CN.6/2002/12.

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they relate to women, as well as the possibilities of the Commission on the Status of Women receiving relevant information on those communications;

(b) An elaboration of the mandate, authority and scope of each mechanism;

(c) The types of complaints which cannot be addressed by any of the existing mechanisms;

(d) The possibilities for channelling communications from the Division for the Advancement of Women to other United Nations mechanisms and procedures which would be able to address those communications effectively.